



SATELLITE CLUBS PILOT PROGRAM

Dear club officers,

Thank you for your participation in Rotary's 2011-14 Satellite Clubs Pilot project and for your questions in response to the 2013 Council on Legislation (COL) enactment of establishing satellite clubs. To help you make the best decisions for your club we are sending you updated information.

As you know, in April 2013 the Council decided on the following; with [adopted legislation](#) having gone into effect 1 July 2013:

- Approved allowing Rotary clubs to establish satellite clubs as a step in the process of becoming a new club
- Rejected the satellite meeting proposal which would have allowed satellite meetings for a wide variety of reasons similar to the 2011-14 Satellite Club Pilot

What does this specifically mean for your club? These **legislative decisions** do not alter and **do not change** any of the **rules for the Satellite Club Pilot program**. The pilot program will continue through 2014 and you can continue to administer and implement the pilot in your club without any modifications.

Yet, we recognize some pilot clubs may be interested in leaving the Satellite Club Pilot to take advantage of the constitutional change to allow satellite clubs. However, the **approved legislation differs substantially from the current Satellite Club Pilot**. Whereas the pilot program is testing multiple meeting times and/or places for one Rotary club, the new legislation allows Rotary clubs to sponsor a satellite club which has its own board and officers, dues structures and bylaws. The satellite club is intended as a temporary step on the way to becoming an independent Rotary club.

Should your club decide to leave the pilot and to change the format of your satellite club, you must formally process your withdrawal from the pilot program by conducting a vote of the club.

If two-thirds of your club members decide to withdraw then your club president must advise Rotary International of your club's decision by [email](#). In order to start a Council approved satellite club, please contact your [Club and District Support](#) team for guidance.

Additional information will be available in October with the release of the 2013 [Manual of Procedure](#).

If you have any observations to share or questions, please do not hesitate to contact ripilotprograms@rotary.org.

Kind regards,

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